The Court of Federal Integrity Act of 2025A Proposal to Restore American Faith in Facts

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Court of Federal Integrity (CFI)

One-Page Executive Summary – Final Publishable Version

“Restoring American Faith in Facts”

Purpose

A constitutionally limited federal institution whose sole mission is to determine and publish the factual accuracy of public, news, and government claims and to protect legitimate national-security classification.

Primary goal: Rebuild public trust in a shared reality.

Secondary goal: Provide the President, Congress, Supreme Court, researchers, and citizens with an unimpeachable source of verified truth.

Unstated but inevitable effect: Hold news media to rigorous factual accountability while leaving protected opinion untouched.

Core Principle

We research. We verify. We publish.

We do NOT investigate crimes, enforce laws, or prosecute.

Structure Council of 9 Judges – final arbiters of truth

12-year single term, staggered

Nominated by the President from a bipartisan screening panel, confirmed by the Senate

Qualifications identical to federal Article III judges (law degree not required; Ph.D. s, distinguished scholars, scientists, and proven experts eligible)

Salary: Equal to Associate Justices of the Supreme Court

Tiered system: Regional panels → appellate division → Council of 9 (national-impact cases only)

Permanent headquarters & Truth North Academy: Mat-Su Valley, Alaska

Minimal liaison offices in Washington, D.C. and select cities

Powers & Limitations

Issues Official U.S. Government Evidence Summaries: Supported / Not Supported / Classified

Mandatory 5–10-year classification reviews

Zero law-enforcement or criminal investigative authority

May compel production of unclassified federal records for verification only

Sealed review of any “classified” claim used to withhold information

Personnel Strict 3,000 civilian employee cap written into statute

Fully blind, merit-only hiring (AI-redacted applications; identity irrelevant)

Mandatory nepotism/conflict disclosure

Alaska residents serve first five years out-of-state

All employees take the enhanced federal oath (below); GS-9 and above held to demonstrable impartiality

Anti-Corruption & Impartiality Tiered, evidence-based discipline (rookie leniency; senior misconduct referred to law enforcement)

Bribery = felony minimum; GS-14+ = mandatory 10-year federal sentence

All criminal allegations immediately referred to FBI/DOJ – no internal investigative unit

Private Oversight

Accredited private watchdogs receive real-time API access and may publicly score CFI accuracy.

Funding & Sunset 10-year automatic sunset clause – must be re-authorized by Congress or dissolves

Any budget increase or employee-cap expansion requires 60 Senate votes + Presidential finding

The Oath (taken by every employee, from clerk to Judge)

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute my duties and will, to the best of my ability, defend the truth against falsehood, combat rumor and distortion, and remain impartial and unbiased in all matters before this Court—owing allegiance to no party, faith, or outcome—only to verifiable fact and the Constitution of the United States."

Mission Statement (carved at entrance)

"The Court of Federal Integrity exists to discover, verify, and deliver unvarnished truth to the American people—owing allegiance to no party, faith, or outcome—only to Truth."

Section 1: The Crisis – Why America No Longer Agrees on Basic Reality (Pages 4-7)

In 2025, 72% of Americans distrust traditional media (Gallup), and 65% believe "fake news" influences elections (Pew Research). This epistemic fracture—where left and right can't agree on events like J6, COVID origins, or climate data—threatens democracy itself. Historical context: Post-Watergate reforms created watchdogs like the GAO (1921) and CBO (1974), but nothing for public claims. The internet amplified the void, turning every headline into a partisan battlefield. The cost: Polarization costs $2.5 trillion annually in lost productivity (Deloitte, 2024). Informed voters? A myth. CFI fixes this by providing a neutral, evidence-only oracle—government speech that's optional to trust.

Section 2: Historical Precedents and Lessons Learned (Pages 8-10)

- GAO (Government Accountability Office): Audits federal spending; model for CFI's classification reviews.
- CBO (Congressional Budget Office): Nonpartisan scoring; CFI extends this to facts.
- CRS (Congressional Research Service): Library-style research; CFI scales it nationally.
- Failed Experiments: Biden's Disinformation Governance Board (2022) collapsed on 1A fears—CFI avoids this by being advisory only.

Lessons: Keep it small, impartial, sunsetted. No enforcement powers.

Section 3: Constitutional and First-Amendment Analysis (Pages 11-14)CFI is pure government speech (Walker v. Texas Div., Sons of Confederate Veterans, 576 U.S. 200 (2015)), like the Surgeon General's reports. No chilling effect (U.S. v. Alvarez, 567 U.S. 709 (2012)—falsity alone isn't punishable). Rulings are "Evidence Summaries," not judgments—citizens/media can ignore them. No viewpoint bias: Answers any query. 10th Amendment safe: Federal-only on interstate claims. Article III deference: CFI yields to courts in litigation.

Expert opinion: Modeled on FISC (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court)—judicial oversight without overreach.

Section 4: Detailed Structure and Governance (Pages 15-17)

- HQ: Mat-Su Valley, Alaska (low cost, neutral ground; 500 acres for campus).
- Liaisons: 5 offices max (D.C., NYC, LA, Chicago, Dallas—<50 staff each).
- Tiered Adjudication:
    - Level 1: 12 regional panels (2-4 judges each, handle 80% of queries).
    - Level 2: Appellate division (5 judges, resolves conflicts).
    - Level 3: Council of 9 (national cases only).
- Tech Stack: AI-assisted research (e.g., Grok/Claude for initial scans), blockchain for immutable records.

Section 5: The Council of 9 Judges – Selection, Terms, Salary, Removal (Pages 18-19)

- Selection: Bipartisan panel (3 Dems, 3 GOP, 3 independents) nominates 3 candidates per vacancy; President picks 1, Senate confirms (51 votes).
- Terms: 12 years, staggered (1 vacancy every 16 months). No reappointment.
- Salary: $285,400 (Associate Justice level, 2025-adjusted).
- Removal: Impeachment only for oath breach; annual ethics audits by private firm.
- Diversity Mandate: Merit-first, but balanced by geography, expertise (e.g., 3 STEM PhDs, 3 historians, 3 social scientists).

Section 6: Truth North Academy and Career Pipeline (Pages 20-21)

- Location: Attached to HQ; 12–16-week program.
- Entry Paths:
    - College: B.S./M.S. in "Verified Knowledge" (UAA flagship).
    - Military: MOS 36V equivalency for intel vets.
    - Direct: Proven OSINT experts.
- Curriculum: Phase 1 (Agency basics); Phase 2 (Specialty tracks: Digital forensics, stats, geopolitics).

- Post-Grad: 80% field assignment, 20% Academy instructors.

Section 7: Powers, Limitations, and Classification Review Process (Pages 22-23)

- Core Output: Evidence Summaries (public database: truth.gov).
- Process: Query submitted → AI triage → Panel research (30-90 days) → Publish.
- Classification: Agencies must justify "Classified" claims within 30 days; CFI reviews sealed, forces declass if unjustified (5/10-year cycles).
- Limits: No opinions, no crimes, no private data without FOIA.

Section 8: Anti-Corruption Safeguards and Disciplinary Matrix (Page 24)

Violation Type	**Rookie (0-5 yrs)**	**Senior (5+ yrs)**	**GS-14+ / Council**
Bias/Oath Breach	Retraining + Mentorship	Suspension + Audit	Immediate Removal + Impeachment
Bribery	Felony Referral	Felony + Pension Loss	10-Year Minimum Sentence + Treason Escalation
Leak	DOJ Probe	Lifetime Ban	Life Imprisonment if National Security

- Whistleblower rewards: 10% of fines recovered.

Section 9: Private Oversight and Scoring Mechanism (Page 25)

- API Access: Real-time to DOGE, MRC, Snopes, AllSides.
- Scoring: Public dashboard rates CFI accuracy (e.g., "95% consensus across watchdogs").
- Red-Teaming: Annual private audits; low scores trigger congressional review.

Section 10: Funding, Sunset Clause, and Expansion Controls (Page 26)

- Year 1 Budget: $150M (startup: HQ build $50M, Academy $30M, staff $70M).
- Full Scale (Year 5+): $380M/year (3,000 staff @ avg $100K + ops).
- Sunset: Auto-dissolve after 10 years unless 2/3 Congress reauthorizes.
- Expansion: 60 Senate votes + POTUS finding required.

Section 11: Estimated 10-Year Budget Model (Page 27)

Year	Personnel	Ops/Tech	Academy	Total	Notes
1	$70M	$50M	$30M	$150M	Startup
2-5	$250M	$80M	$20M	$350M	Scale-up
6-10	$280M	$90M	$10M	$380M	Steady-state
Total	$3.45B	$850M	$200M	$4.5B	<0.1% federal budget

Section 12: Organizational Chart (Page 28)

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├— Council of 9 Judges

| ├— Appellate Division (5)

| └— Regional Panels (12 x 3 Judges)

├— Truth North Academy (Dean + 200 Staff)

├— Research Ops (2,000 Verifiers)

| ├— Digital Forensics

| ├— Historical/Archival

| └— Stats/Geopolitical

└— Oversight/API Team (100)

└— Private Watchdog Liaison

Section 13: Draft Statutory Language

H.R. ____ / S. ____ – The Court of Federal Integrity Act of 2025Section

1. Short Title
This Act may be cited as the “Court of Federal Integrity Act of 2025”.

Section 2. Establishment in the Judicial Branch
(a) There is hereby established in the Judicial Branch of the United States, as a court of record under Article I of the Constitution, the Court of Federal Integrity (CFI).

(b) The CFI shall be administered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and funded through the permanent appropriation for the federal judiciary.

Section 3. Purpose and Jurisdiction
The sole mission of the Court of Federal Integrity is to research, verify, and publish Official U.S. Government Evidence Summaries on claims of public or national significance and to conduct sealed reviews of classification assertions when invoked to withhold factual information from the public.

Section 4. Council of Nine Judges
(a) The Court shall consist of nine Judges appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from nominations submitted by a bipartisan screening commission.
(b) Qualifications shall be identical to those required for judges of Article III courts; a juris doctor degree shall not be required.
(c) Each Judge shall serve a single, non-renewable term of twelve years. Terms shall be staggered.
(d) Salary shall be equal to that of Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

Section 5. Powers and Limitations
(a) The Court shall issue Official U.S. Government Evidence Summaries with outcomes limited to: Supported / Not Supported / Classified.
(b) The Court shall possess no law-enforcement, criminal investigative, or punitive authority whatsoever.
(c) The Court may compel production of unclassified federal records solely for verification purposes.

Section 6. Truth North Academy and Personnel
(a) The Court shall operate the Truth North Academy in the Mat-Su Valley, Alaska, for training and career development.
(b) Maximum civilian employment: 3,000 (statutory cap).
(c) Hiring shall be fully blind and merit-only.

Section 7. Impartiality and Oath
Every employee shall take the enhanced federal oath contained in Section 12 of this Act. Demonstrable breach of impartiality by GS-9 and higher personnel shall be grounds for discipline up to and including removal.

Section 8. Anti-Corruption and Discipline
[All bribery, disciplinary matrix, and referral-to-DOJ provisions as previously agreed.]

Section 9. Private Oversight and Transparency
Accredited private watchdogs shall receive real-time API access and may publicly score Court accuracy.

Section 10. Funding and Sunset
(a) The Act and the Court shall be funded through the judiciary's permanent appropriation.
(b) This Act and the Court shall automatically terminate ten years after enactment unless reauthorized by joint resolution.

Section 11. Severability
If any provision is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected.

Section 12. The Oath (This does not replace the oath all federal employees take on the first day of at the academy. It is administered on arrival at first duty station.)

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